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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF ASSISTANCE AGAINST
AFRICAN SWINE FEVER EPIDEMICS IN LATIN AMERICA
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REFS: A. SANTO DOMINGO 4738 (NOTAL), B. STATE 204276
(NOTAL, C. FASTO 59 TO SANTO DOMINGO, AUGUST 10 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS BRIEFING ON INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK
DEVELOPED FOR ASSISTANCE AGAINST AFRICAN SWINE FEVER
IN LATIN AMERICA, WITH WHICH U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PRESUMABLY WOULD BE INTEGRATED OR COORDINATED.

2. EMERGENCY CONSULTATION ON THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER IN LATIN AMERICA, IN LIMA JULY 13-14, CONVENED BY FAO IN COLLABORATION WITH PAHO, RECOMMENDED INTER ALIA THAT POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR THE PREVENTION AND ERADICATION OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER BE EXAMINED, AND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT-LATIN AMERICA ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH A VIEW TO PRESENTING A PROJECT TO THE COUNTRIES WITHIN 30 DAYS.

3. IGAD-LA MET ON AUGUST 9. THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ANNOUNCED ACTIONS THEY WERE TAKING IMMEDIATELY, AS REPORTED REF B: FAO FUNDING TECHNICAL ADVISORS INCLUDING REMAINING USDA OFFICIAL IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (REF C), UNDP READINESS TO FUND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORS, AND IDB PERMITTING APPLICATION TO ASF CAMPAIGN OF \$300,000 UNDISBURSED LOAN FUND IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE MEETING RECOMMENDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR PREVENTION AND ERADICATION OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER.

4. BIENNIAL FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LATIN AMERICA, IN MONTEVIDEO AUGUST 15-19, ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFRICAN SWINE FEVER RECOMMENDING THAT FAO ACT AS THE COORDINATING BODY IN THE CURRENT EMERGENCY SITUATION, AND THAT FAO CONVENE A MEETING OF A WORKING GROUP TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL FUND. ACCORDING TO CHIEF OF U.S. OBSERVER DELEGATION, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO WAS UNCLEAR ABOUT FAO'S ROLE WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL FUND. (COMMENT: FAO'S ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO IMMEDIATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, FUNDED FROM FAO'S LIMITED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM FUNDS.) BANK OBSERVERS PRIVATELY QUESTIONED THEIR ABILITY TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN FUNDING OF INDEMNIFICATION FOR SLAUGHTERED PIGS, BUT BELIEVED ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR REESTABLISHING HERDS AFTERWARD. (COMMENT: INDEMNIFICATION COSTS ARE FAR GREATER THAN THOSE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND ARE MORE IMMEDIATE AND LESS DEFINABLE AND ACCOUNTABLE THAN COSTS OF REESTABLISHING HERDS.) MEXICO WAS REPORTEDLY PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN PRESSING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND.

5. LEON TENEMBAUM, WHO ATTENDED MONTEVIDEO MEETING AS IDB OBSERVER, REPORTS THAT SUBSEQUENT TO MONTEVIDEO MEETING, IT WAS ARRANGED THAT MEETING OF WORKING

GROUP TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL FUND WILL BE HELD
IN BRASILIA. ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, MEXICO, URUGUAY, AND
VENEZUELA WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE WORKING GROUP,
AND PLAN TO INVITE THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE.
(COMMENT: WORKING GROUP PROPOSAL EMERGED FROM FAO
REGIONAL MEETING IN WHICH UNITED STATES HOLDS OBSERVER
STATUS.) WORKING GROUP MEETING PRESUMABLY WILL BE HELD
IN FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER, EXACT TIME TO BE SET BY
DR. FRANZ PERITZ, REGIONAL ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH
OFFICER OF THE FAO REGIONAL OFFICE IN SANTIAGO.

6. REF A AND PRECEDING TELEGRAMS FROM SANTO DOMINGO
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ASSIGNING ACTION TO AGRICULTURE. REQUEST YOU SLUG
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TELEGRAMS ON DOMINICAN ASF SITUATION FOR ARA/CAR,
ALSO FOR AGRICULTURE, ETC. CHRISTOPHER

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